



**EPEAT Clarification #29
Age of Data Provided During Verification Rounds**

This Clarification applies to the following IEEE Standards and criteria:

Applicable Standards:

- IEEE 1680.1 – Personal Computers and Displays
- IEEE 1680.2 – Imaging Equipment
- IEEE 1680.3 – Televisions

Applicable Criteria:

All

PVC Determination:

Empirical data and analytical test data that are provided during a Verification Round to prove conformance to criteria in 1680.1 should be no older than two years, including data submitted for components that are at a higher-risk for containing substances restricted by a particular criterion. However, qualified verifiers may use their professional judgment, experience and expertise in consideration of the following issues as a reason to recommend that an older data submission be accepted as demonstration of conformance:

- Qualified verifiers may consider a product’s initial declaration date on the Registry.
- Qualified verifiers may consider the criterion subject to verification and the likelihood for changes in material or component production.
- Qualified verifiers may consider whether the Subscriber and/or its suppliers have a quality control program to assure ongoing conformance with the criterion subject to verification.

In all cases, the final decision on the acceptance of data will be made by the PVC.

Background Information:

During Verification Rounds, subscribers may provide empirical data or analytical test data to prove conformance to criteria in 1680.1 as specified in the verification requirements. Questions have been raised by various stakeholders regarding what an acceptable age would be for data provided during a Verification Round.

When considering this question, the PVC considered the following: standard audit and supplier assurance practices; 1680.1 not having requirements for a conformity assurance system (CAS) being in place; and balancing the need for an age limitation with allowances for other considerations.

Change History:

Initial version approved by the PVC and effective on February 5, 2013.